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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESU.S. House of Representatives
112th CongressMEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Rep Henry CuellarName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Mrs. Imelda CuellarRelationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____Date of Departure and Date of Return: 01/05/2013 to 01/13/2013Dates at personal expense: N/AItinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): DEPARTED LAX/DO, TX en route to Istanbul, Turkey. DEPARTED Istanbul en route to BAKU (REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN). DEPART BAKU en route to Istanbul. DEPART Istanbul en route to LAX/DO TEXAS BY WASHINGTON DC.Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Turquoise Council of Americans and EurasiansDescribe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Itinerary attached with descriptions of meetings & events

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain: _____

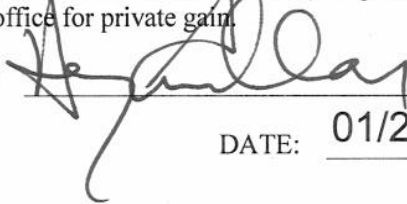
TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$11,811.63	\$780.00	\$885.00
For accompanying family member:	\$12,733.63	N-A (shared room)	\$225.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$185.00	Guide & Museum entry fee
For accompanying family member:	\$185.00	Guide & Museum entry FEE

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER:



DATE: 01/22/2013

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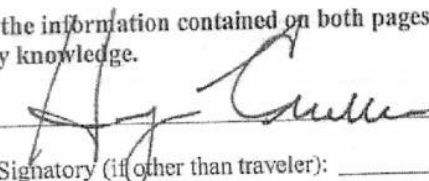
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Enrique Henry Cuellar

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2431 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: 202-225-1640

Email address of contact person: Amy.Travieso@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Enrique Roberto Cuellar
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):
Turquoise Council of Americans & Eurasians (TCAE)
3. Travel destination(s): Istanbul
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Jan 5 - Jan 13, 2012
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Imelda Rios Cuellar
c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
This trip is to witness firsthand the economic, trade and energy related issues and promote American participation and awareness of Turkish issues.
As the Co-Chair of the Pro-Trade Caucus, this trip will help to better understand the economic opportunities Turkey and US relations can provide.
9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member _____

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please See the Attached List!
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6. Dates of travel: January 5, 2013--January 13, 2013
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Laredo--Istanbul/Baku--Houston OR Laredo
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: TCAE is non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that has a vision for future as we work to establish and advance long-term relationships and close cooperation between US and Turkey, Azerbaijan.
TCAE is responsible for organizing and funding all aspects of this trip.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: To introduce and provide exposure to Turkey's and Azerbaijan's political, regional security, economic and cultural issues! To promote mutual understanding thorough discussion and conversation among the American Participants and Local Authorities and Civil Authority.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted:
Business Class on Commercial Flight!
N/A
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
 - The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$70 per day
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Turkey and Azerbaijan hold a very critical position for US in the region from energy diversification, geopolitical position and regional security issues.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Crown Plaza Old Istanbul, JW Marriott in Baku
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Crown Plaza Old Istanbul,- \$120 per night, JW Marriott in Baku-\$140 per night
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Our agreement and their affordability!

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$9,000 air, \$250 ground	\$900	\$490
For each accompanying family member	\$9,000 air, \$250 ground	They stay together!	\$490

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$250	Guide, Tipping and Museums
For each accompanying family member	\$250	Guide, Tipping and Museums

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name and title: Kemal Oksuz, President

Organization: Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

Address: Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750 Houston, TX 77056

Telephone number: (713) 622 9200

Fax number: (713) 622 7483

Email Address: kemal_oksuz@tcae.org or kemaloksuz@gmail.com

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for January 5 to 13, 2013, sponsored by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians. Committee rules require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 14 days before the commencement of the trip. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, we would ask that any future requests adhere to the 14-day requirement.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

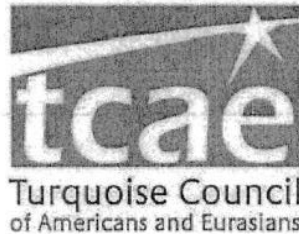
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TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS
HOUSE INVITEES

US Congressional Delegation Trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan
January 5, 2013 - Jan 13, 2013



Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians has outlined the following specific objectives for the trip that why the House of Representatives have been invited:

- To introduce and provide broad exposure to the country's cultural, political, economic, and social issues,
- To gain an understanding of topics including national security, foreign policy, trade, economic development & finance, remarkable achievements of the civil society, religious diversity and minority rights,
- To promote mutual understanding through dialogue and discussion among the American participants and the local authorities / civil society.

1. Mr. Enrique Roberto Cuellar (Henry)
US Congressman (D-Texas 28th)
2. Mrs. Imelda Rios Cuellar
Spouse to US Congressman Enrique Roberto Cuellar

**TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS
ITINERARY**

**US Congressional Delegation Trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan
January 5, 2013 – January 13, 2013**



SATURDAY, JAN 5

- Departure for Istanbul, Turkey

SUNDAY, JAN 6 (ISTANBUL)

- Arrival in Istanbul
- Hotel Check-in & Rest for 2 hrs
- Dinner
- Overnight Stay

MONDAY, JAN 7 (ISTANBUL)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing at the Development Agency of Turkey (Direct Foreign Investment in Turkey)
<http://www.invest.gov.tr/en-US/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Briefing at TODAY'S ZAMAN Daily Paper (Syria, Iran, Egypt, and Central ASIA)
www.todayszaman.com/
- Lunch
- Visit to Topkapi Palace Museum (Social, Cultural and Military Life in Ottomans)
- Briefing at Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON) (Turkish Economy Growth and New Initiatives) <http://www.tuskonus.org/tuskon.php>
- Dinner with the Members of Turkish Parliament from Istanbul Region (Turkey-US Congressional Relations)
- Overnight Stay in Istanbul

TUESDAY, JAN 8 (ISTANBUL)

- Breakfast at Hotel

- Briefing at the US Consulate, Istanbul (US-Turkey Relations and Regional Issues)
<http://istanbul.usconsulate.gov/>
- Briefing at Istanbul Policy Center (Turkey-EU Relations)
<http://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/en/>
- Visit and Lunch at ALARKO Group of Companies (Business Climate in Turkey)
<http://www.alarko.com.tr/eng/index.asp>
- Visit to Dolmabahce Palace
<http://www.millisaraylar.gov.tr/portalmain-en/default.aspx>
- Dinner at Turkish Family House (Turkish Family Values)
- Overnight Stay in Istanbul

WEDNESDAY, JAN 9 (ISTANBUL-BAKU)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing at Caspian Strategy Institute (Energy Security from the Caspian to Europe)
<http://www.hasen.org.tr/>
- Visit to the Writers and Journalists Foundation (Diversity in Turkey)
<http://www.gyv.org.tr/>
- Lunch at Camlica Hill
- Visit to Hagia Sophia (Byzantine and for Ottoman Empire Architectural Beauty)
- Visit to Blue Mosque (Ottoman Turkish architecture)
- Early Dinner & Hotel Check out
- Flight to Baku, Azerbaijan
- Arrival in Baku
- Hotel Check in and Overnight Stay

THURSDAY, JAN 10 (BAKU)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing at Border Security Agency (Border Security Issues with Iran and Russia)
- Visit and meet with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Lunch at a Restaurant
- Briefing at the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) (Southern Energy Corridor) (<http://new.socar.az/socar/az/home>)
- Visit to the Parliament of Azerbaijan and meet with the Speaker of Parliament (US-Azerbaijan Congressional Relations)
- Meet with the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament (US-Azerbaijan Relations)

- Dinner with SOCAR Executive Team
- Overnight Stay in Baku

FRIDAY JAN 11, 2013 (BAKU)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Visit to the Diplomatic Academy/University (Student Exchange Programs)
- Briefing at State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan (SOFAZ) (Foreign Investment Policy)
http://www.oilfund.az/en_US/
- Lunch at a Restaurant
- Visit to the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Pipeline Terminal
- Visit to the State Museum of History
- Dinner
- Overnight Stay

SATURDAY, JAN 12, 2013 (BAKU-ISTANBUL)

- Early breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and get to the Airport
- Flight back to Istanbul
- Arrival in Istanbul and Hotel Check in
- Visit to the Grand Covered and Spice Bazaar
- Lunch
- Shopping at Grand Covered Bazaar
- Visit to the Istanbul Archeological Museum
- Dinner
- Get to the Istiklal (Independence) Avenue (Social and Night Life)
- Back to Hotel and Overnight Stay

SUNDAY, JAN 13, 2013 (ISTANBUL-HOUSTON or LAREDO)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and get to the Airport
- Flight back to US!

* In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.

"Have a Safe flight back to US!"